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SUBJECT: CCMS: DISASTER TRAINING CENTER

REFS: A. STATE 133079

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1. PER PARA 5 REF A, MISSION HAS CONTACTED FRENCH AND ITALIAN DELS TO BRING THEM UP TO DATE ON U.S.-TURKISH DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON (REF A) AND TO SOLICIT THEIR REACTIONS AND ANY ASSISTANCE THEIR AUTHORITIES MAY PROVIDE.

2. FRENCH DELOFF REITERATED EARLIER GOF POSSIBLE INTEREST EXPRESSED AT NATO AND EXPRESSED PERSONAL OPINION THAT FRENCH DISASTER AUTHORITIES MIGHT VERY WELL BE PREPARED OFFER SOME INSTRUCTOR PERSONNEL AND PERHAPS SEND SOME OF THEIR STUDENTS TO PROPOSED CENTER IF IT TAKES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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A FORM AND CONTENT WHICH WOULD COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING THEY OFFER IN FRANCE. HE WAS UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY MATERIAL ASSISTANCE (BEYOND AFOREMENTIONED PERSONNEL) BUT HE WILL SEND FULL REPORT

TO PARIS AND REQUEST A REACTION THERE. HE INDICATED HOWEVER, AGAIN ON PERSONAL BASIS, THAT IN HIS OPINION FRANCE MIGHT BE LESS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ASSUMING A MAJOR ROLE IN DESIGN PHASE; RATHER, TI WOULD BE AT THE ACTUAL START UP TIME OF THE SEMINAR ITSELF THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION WOULD MOST LIKELY BE FORTHCOMING.

3. ITALIAN DELOFF REITERATED POTENTIAL INTEREST EXPRESSED TO U.S. DEL AT CCMS PLENARY IN TURIN. HE CITED GOI FINANCIAL AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION BEYOND THAT OF PERSONNEL. HE BELIEVED THAT ITALIANS, LIKE FRENCH, MIGHT VERY WELL PROVIDE INSTRUCTOR AS WELL AS STUDENTS IN EVENT PROGRAM OF THE CENTER SIGNIFICANTLY AUGMENTED CURRENT TRAINING PROGRAM IN ITALY. REGIONAL SEMINAR IN TURKEY COULD EVEN BE A PARTIAL AND SPECIALIZED EXTENSION FO ITALIAN DOMESTIC TRAINING EFFORT IN THIS OVERALL FIELD. HE BELIEVED THAT ITALIAN RESPONSE WOULD BE MORE POSITIVE WHEN CONCRETE

PLAN AND PROGRAM FOR SEMINAR WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.

4. MISSION COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ABOVE FRENCH AND ITALIAN REACTIONS HERE WERE PURELY PERSONAL, WE SUSPECT THAT NEITHER FRANCE OR ITALY WILL BE PREPARED JOIN U.S. AT EARLY STAGE IN TAKING INITIATIVE TO SET UP TRIAL SEMINAR, BUT WILL PREFER TO REACT -- POSITIVELY, WE HOPE -- TO A MORE FULLY DEVELOPED PROPOSAL YET TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE TURKS, WITH U.S. ADVICE AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF THE ITALIAN AND FRENCH DISASTER TRAINING PROGRAMS SO AS TO TAILOR SEMINAR ACCORDINGLY. IN OUR VIEW, U.S. ADVISORY ROLE AT THIS STAGE REMAINS CRUCIAL. IF TURKS INDEED DECIDE TO PICK UP IDEA OF TRIAL SEMINAR ON REGIONAL BASIS (REF A), IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL FOR U.S. CONSULTANT (IF ONE AVAILABLE) TO MAKE SWING THROUGH ITALY AND FRANCE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR AUTHORITIES AND GAIN AN AWARENESS OF THE CURRENT TRAINING ACTIVITIES
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OF THESE POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS. IN THE PROCESS, U.S. CONSULTANT MIGHT RENEW EARLIER U.S. CONTACTS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH UN DISASTER AUTHORITIES IN GENEVA.
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